

LOCAL MATTERS.

The Weather Probabilities April 1881.—The Middle Atlantic States stationary or higher barometer and temperature, north to east winds and fair weather.

OPENING OF THE CATHOLIC FAIR.—The Catholic fair, to raise funds for the improvement of St. Mary's Church, was opened on Sunday last night, and notwithstanding the inclement weather the hall was well filled, and the evening was passed most pleasantly. The hall has been handsomely decorated, and the tables, loaded with articles of every description, are arranged in a manner that reflects credit upon the ladies under whose auspices the fair is held. On entering the hall the first thing that strikes the eye is a beautiful and elegant altar, presided over by Mrs. John Landon, Miss Mary Morrow and the Misses Magie and Marie Harlow. It costs just one dollar to become a stockholder in this fair. Here too, is exhibited the handsome gold-headed cane to be voted to the most popular gentleman, and the silk umbrella to be voted to the most popular school teacher of the city.

The next is a fancy table, presided over by Mrs. John H. Green, assisted by Miss Mary Harlow. It is devoted to refreshments, containing everything calculated to please the fancy and tickle the appetite. This table is presided over by Mrs. Charles R. Webster, assisted by Mrs. Henry Brown.

Table No. 3 is a fancy table, presided over by Mrs. Mary K. Green, assisted by Mrs. John H. Green. This table is adorned with a handsomely framed oil painting of Rev. Dennis O'Keefe, the pastor of the church. There are numerous other attractions in the room which must be seen to be appreciated. The following is the list of the fair: 1. James E. Waddy, 2. Geo. McBurney, Jr., 3. James E. Waddy, 4. John Landon, 5. E. E. Downham, 6. J. E. Braham.

MARTHA WASHINGTON TEA PARTY.—The Martha Washington Tea Party, held at the hall of the Alexandria Reform Club, last night, under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, was a very pleasant affair. The hall was adorned with flowers, evergreens, Chinese lanterns, flags, &c., and the tables, where could be had cheap and good lunch, were served by ladies in the costume of "ye olden time" when Martha Washington, the "Mother of her Country" resided in tea drinking, were actually and respectfully arranged. During the evening the Misses Mary and Annie Clark, and Misses Wm. L. and Edward Clark, and Mrs. H. E. Fowler, rendered some delightful vocal and instrumental music. Little Miss Kate Pierce, recited "The Snake in the Grass" in a manner that excited much sympathy. Miss Lavinia Packer, read "The Snake's Rattle." A humorous and satirical "Sketch and Family in the Chamberlain," recited by Mrs. S. F. Dixon, was well received. The "tea party" will be held on Monday night, when an interesting program of music, readings, recitations, &c., will be rendered.

A FLEET OF WAR VESSELS.—The harbor of Alexandria presented a scene to-day that has been equaled since the late war. Five large United States men-of-war were anchored in the river off this city. In addition to the flagship Kearsarge, registered at 697 tons, carrying 1,000 men, the Alliance, 615 tons, 4 guns; the Vandal, 581 tons, 4 guns; the Yantic, carrying 400 men, and the Portsmouth, carrying 400 men, arrived in day and anchored in the river. The U. S. steamer Tennessee, 2819 tons, 22 guns, is at Point Comfort. The Constitution, 3,200 tons, is at the city wharf. The Yantic brought up the body of a dead sailor which was, upon the arrival of the vessel here, this morning, immediately forwarded to Washington, in a steam tug, escorted by a detachment of marines. Sailors were plentiful on the streets to-day, and the wharves have been crowded with people looking at the vessels. A steam launch has been running between this city and the wharves all day, and many citizens have availed themselves of the opportunity thus afforded to visit them.

Good Friends.—The Executive Committee of the Grand Lodge of Good Templars met at the hall of Good Templars in this city this morning, and transacted some business connected with the order in the State. Dr. W. S. Christian, of Middleburg, Va., Grand Worthy Chief Templar of Virginia, was present on official visit to Golden Light Lodge, No. 1, H. T. E. Taylor, Grand Counselor; Rev. H. M. Whitson, Past Grand Chaplain; Miss Rebecca R. Pridgen, Grand Vice Templar; Mrs. James Bowman, Grand Worthy Secretary; and other prominent officials of the Grand Lodge of the State will also be present. Minchess Lodge, No. 1, of Washington will also attend to-day.

An interesting programme of literary and musical exercises will be rendered and a most pleasant time anticipated.

Police News.—John Magruder, Chas. Humphrey, both colored, and John Clark, white, were driven before Mayor Smith this morning, charged with violating the police regulations established at the Washington and Alexandria Railroad depot. All three of the accused were discharged with a reprimand. James Whittlesy had an interesting case before him this morning, involving the ownership of a Bible. Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. McCracken were the contestants.

Wm. Burgess, colored, was arrested last night for being drunk on the streets.

Wholesale and Retail Fish Prices.—Several loads of fish arrived at Fishmarket this morning. Shad started at \$15 per hundred, and rose to \$18 per hundred; herring sold early in the morning at \$12 per hundred, but later in the day at \$14. Shad and herring sold this morning at lower figures than the above.

Retail Prices.—Fish sold in market this morning as follows: Shad 40 to 60 cents per hundred; herring 20 cents per dozen.

MEETING OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES.—The Board of Trustees of Lee and Sexton Colored School buildings met last night and elected J. McK. Ware, President, and Geo. W. Sims, Secretary. The following executive committee, with power to raise the funds of the Board, was also elected: Geo. W. Sims, A. S. Porter, and J. McK. Ware. This committee was instructed to report quarterly. The Board then adjourned till the third Monday in July.

EASTER CELEBRATION.—The Easter celebration of the Baptist Church connected with the First Baptist Church took place in the church this afternoon at 5 o'clock. The service was well attended, and the exercises were of a most interesting character. The final services were held at the singing by the school choir.

PERSONAL.—State Senator J. Armistead Carter, of Loudoun county, was in the city to-day.

Auditor F. L. Bickett returned last night from a short visit to Tennessee.

LOCAL VIOLETES.—Messrs. Steiner & Yoe, agents, are making extensive improvements to their cigar manufactory on King street, in order to accommodate increasing business.

The Local Alumni Association of the University of Virginia will meet to-night at the office of Geo. K. Kemper, at 8 o'clock, for the transaction of important business.

Marriage licenses were issued in Washington yesterday to Wm. Howard, of Fairfax county, Va., and Sarah E. Williams, of Washington, and to Benjamin Burris and Ellen Jones, of Prince George county, Md.

COMMUNICATED.—"Evolution." "Fidels" takes water soon. Like a little frog just out of tadpole, enjoying his first inexperience, he is on the grassy edge of some familiar pond, he disappears by plunging headlong out of sight at the first "Crack" from a neighboring marsh.

"Cracker" does not profess to be very learned in regard to physics, but he does claim common sense enough to distinguish "evidence" from an "illustration," and therefore, he could not have been mistaken when he admitted the transformation of the tadpole to the frog as "a beautiful and instructive picture of evolution."

Nature does not assume that "all the extensions of hyaline discs should be represented by animals now living." On the contrary he quotes Mr. Darwin, one of the head lights of evolution, as saying that "not only species will be transmitted in unaltered likeness to a distant future, but then takes up the genetic chain, and places it in connection with one of its own family, 'a far off cousin' though it be—but the 'new and improved variety,' and tries to prove the utter inability of the Darwinian theory to evolve any such thing as the winged tadpole from its first amphibious relative. There is one thing he admits: He cannot understand how the family of the fossil ammonites buttrachians 'perished' during the 'catastrophes' or by geological changes and left no descendants," and yet was continued by these members of it who were preserved from destruction.

As "Cracker" is neither a geologist, naturalist or anatomist, and never had the opportunity of examining the animal under discussion, he could only quote the ideas of such men as Prof. F. S. Hahn, Richard Owen and others. With the following from the Amer. Cyc. this article will close: "Fossils, appearing in the carboniferous formation of Nova Scotia. These, so far as we know, are the first air-breathers, and the remains of animals of this kind, which abound in the rocks of this region have been described and figured by Dawson."

The family name are the most numerous present of the fossil ammonites buttrachians, and their remains occur in the tertiary and diuina formations, sometimes of large size.

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Jorgensen vs. Gorham.

The following is the letter alluded to in our Washington correspondence as having been refused publication by the National Republican [last night]. It was subsequently taken to the office of the Post and appeared in that paper this morning:

WASHINGTON April 18, 1881.
George C. Gorham, Esq., Editor of the "National Republican":

In the two issues of your newspaper, (April 16 and 18), you make some allusions upon my visit to the President on Friday morning, with a delegation of Virginia republicans.

In the first place, you have made a number of misstatements as to what actually took place. The facts were as follows: A delegation of Virginia republicans from Petersburg, called to see me on Thursday, requesting me to secure for them an interview with the President—a duty which I would most cheerfully perform for any gentleman or number of gentlemen who are especially, whether their views accorded with mine or not; members of this delegation, however, entertained many opinions in common with my own, as to the proper course for the republicans to pursue in the coming fall campaign in Virginia. Their immediate errand, however, was not questioned by me at that time; on the following morning, while at the executive mansion, I requested them to state to me (if they thought proper to do so), the substance of what they desired to say to the President, informing them as the time, that I had been advised that they wished to ask for a charge of officers in Petersburg, and, that if this was correct, I did not agree with them; in reply, they stated that they did not intend speaking to the President on this subject, but desired to know his views as to the condition of political parties in Virginia, as contradictory reports were current as to the expressions of his opinion on this subject.

One of their introductions to the President, one of the gentlemen said that there were two officers in Petersburg, occupying prominent positions, who, at the late Presidential election, voted for Hancock and English, and requested their removal, at the same time naming two gentlemen to fill their positions. I here interrupted, and remarked that I was not informed that this was their intention in seeking the interview, and that I did not unite with them in this request, and that they alone were responsible for what they said. Now this is a correct statement of what occurred. I don't know that it is of much importance, and would not have taken the trouble to allude to it in any way were it not for the fact that you made it the basis of a most malicious and slanderous attack upon myself. Coming from a republican journal it was more keenly felt than if it had emanated from a newspaper of democratic proclivities. The motives charged to me for my course could come only from a person entertaining bitter and hostile feelings toward myself, and bearing such evidence upon their face that the articles have, therefore, lost that fall effect that was intended, and have impressed no one who was not materially interested with you.

As far as my opinions are concerned in regard to the present political situation in Virginia, they can be expressed in a very few words, to wit: The republicans should maintain their party organization, and not affiliate with any organization of any faction or party outside of them. The State central committee should call a republican convention, whose province it should be, through the regularly authorized representatives of the republicans, throughout the State, to do whatever would be most conducive to the interests of the republican party, its success in the future and the maintenance of its principles, whether that should be an alliance with the readjusters or not. The latest information that I have of Senator Mahone's views is that the republicans should amalgamate or fuse themselves with the readjusters. This I look upon as suicidal to the future of our party in the State of Virginia, and a monstrous proposition! When we remember that at the last election the republicans cast \$5,000 and the readjusters 30,000 votes, that we should abandon organization and support their candidate, elect their representatives to office, principally by and through our votes, I do not think that any sane person who is a republican and who is honest in his convictions, would ask of us any such arrangement—such sacrifices—and if success should result to the readjusters, they would be a triumph to the readjusters, and a defeat to the republicans. I shall continue to do so, acting as honestly as I can and for the best interests principles and welfare of the republican party of Virginia.

And now, sir, I should like to know who are you? that you should be so censorious of my conduct? and that you should construe my motives? and that you should doubt me with failing to perform my duty to the republican party of Virginia or of the Nation? It seems to me that your assurance is a most business-like, taking into consideration the fact that I have never been anything during my lifetime but a republican of the straightest sect, sustaining its principles under all circumstances, and almost going through hell in maintaining them, and through danger and poverty, and through all the trials that you ever dreamed of. That you should be the one to attack me thus, passes my understanding, for were you a man of the same name who, only a few years ago, married and led the barbaric democratic cohorts in California, and almost succeeded in your efforts to destroy the republican party? Are you not the very man whom nearly every republican in California is denouncing in the bitterest terms and thanking Almighty God that you are not there to do further harm to the party you now destroyed? And in putting the motives to me that you do, I am actually only by my desire to control the public mind, who are doing this to me, not know that the whole country, irrespective of party, sees in this interest displayed by you in the readjusters' success in Virginia, that it is purely for the purpose of securing office through the influence that Senator Mahone now possesses.

No, sir! I advise you to extract the beam from your own eye before endeavoring to take the mote out of mine. Be more charitable in imputing motives to a fellow republican, and permit him an expression of his honest opinion and convictions, remembering all the while that he is kicking inside of his party traces and not outside of them. I call upon you, in justice to myself, to publish the above letter, for I am unfortunate in not having a newspaper of my own in which to express my opinion, and as you have been employed by the republican stockholders of the National Republican newspapers to publish such matter as would advance the cause of republicanism, I trust that having an identity of principles and interests with them, I will be permitted to have the same opportunity with yourself in setting myself right before the public.

Very respectfully yours, etc.,

JOSEPH JORGENSEN.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA.

MINIATURE ALMANAC, APRIL 19, 1881.

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MEMORANDA.

Schr Ad Biza sailed from Boston for this port 16th.

Schr Ellis Ann, James's Howitt, and Commerce, for Richmond, at New York 18.

Y. M. C. A.—The regular monthly meeting of this association will be held to-night at 8 o'clock, in the class room of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The members are earnestly requested to be prompt in their attendance.

Jas. Entwistle, Jr., Gen. Sec.

CANDIDATES.

[All announcements must invariably be paid for in advance. No notice will be taken of orders unless they are accompanied with the cash.]

TO MY FELLOW CITIZENS OF ALEXANDRIA.—I announce myself a candidate for Mayor, subject to the decision of the democratic primary election to be held on the 17th of May. It is needless for me to say if elected, I will do what I believe to be for the interests of the city. I believe that the interests of the public have always been an active part in all public matters affecting its interests, and it is only necessary for me to say that, if nominated and elected, I will exert faithfully and impartially all the laws pertaining to the office.

J. T. BERNHAM.

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